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### The Consequences

THE economic and financial consequences of first, Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal, and secondly, the more recent closing of the waterway and the cutting off of substantial supplies from the Iraq-Syria pipeline, are now manifesting themselves, and it would be idle to pretend they are anything but grave and disconcerting.

Inevitably the repercussions are wide in their effect. Britain, for her part, has had to suffer a heavy decline in gold reserves and with it a weakening of the pound to a degree that threatens the stability of the whole sterling area. It is the short-term situation which requires speedy correction and this accounts for the British government's decision to seek U.S. Canadian help through their waiving of interest payments due this month on post-war dollar loans.

Mr. Macmillan's confident belief that the granting of this request will serve its immediate purpose is bolstered by the fact that Britain's trading position is strong, and the indications are that it will continue to remain so. Thus the prospects of earning an increasing amount of hard currency are good, and if immediate assistance for sustenance of sterling is forthcoming, there exist well-founded hopes that in the course of the next six months Britain and the rest of sterling bloc will have recovered from the existing embarrassing situation.

Egypt's deliberate dislocation of the Suez Canal and Syria's sabotage of the vital oil pipeline has, however, done more than compromise the economies of Britain and other West European countries. Those nations have also been gravely impaired the economic stability of the Middle East generally.

Egypt, with her only big exportable commodity — cotton — mortgaged, and a complete loss of revenue from the Canal, is fast approaching bankruptcy; both Iraq and Syria are suffering cuts of 50 per cent in their earnings from oil. Thus the bill that has to be paid for the elimination of the Suez Canal as an international waterway, and the restriction of oil supplies from the Middle East is as heavy for those who perpetrated those senseless acts as for their intended victims. The economic outlook for those nations is, to say the least, sombre.

# HK SIGNS BIG TRADE DEALS

## \$100 Million Business Reported In Canton EXPORT SHOW SUCCESS

by ROBIN HUTCHEON

Chinese, British and European businessmen from Hongkong have done big deals with trade officials at the giant Export Commodities Exhibition in Canton. They are officially reported to have signed contracts exceeding \$100 million — slightly less than three-quarters of the total business so far.

I have just returned from a three-day visit to the Exhibition. I and another British reporter met the Assistant Secretary-General, Mr. Feng Li-fu, who told us that in the first 20 days since the opening on November 10, businessmen from more than 20 countries had signed orders for Chinese products worth £10.3 million (HK\$164.8 million).

## 'IT'S A BIG FIGURE'

British and European businessmen were surprised this morning by the Chinese estimate of trade done by Hongkong businessmen at the Canton Exhibition of Export Commodities. "If Hongkong has done this amount it has done very well," the manager of a big trading company said. "It's a big figure."

He said the China Mail that he had signed contracts for about \$100 million during a recent visit to Canton.

And he knew Hongkong businessmen had been buying produce on Japanese and Indonesian account.

"I would say \$100 million is too low but \$100 million is a very big figure. I suppose it might be possible. The buying has been done mainly by Chinese. A British businessman said: "If the Chinese figures are correct this is most encouraging news."

"I should say a large amount will be trade that will never touch this Colony. It will go from Taku Bar and Shanghai straight out to its destination."

Another leading British businessman said: "This figure is quite possible, though I wonder how much is additional business."

"Approximately 70 per cent of the total amount of all the contracts have been concluded by Hongkong businessmen," Mr. Feng said.

### ON THEIR WAY

The figure is surprising because before I left Hongkong, the Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, predicted that Hongkong orders would be about HK\$10 million.

I checked Mr. Feng's figures twice through a Mandarin-English interpreter, once verbally at the interview and again a day later in writing.

Apart from stressing "approximately 70 per cent," he confirmed his statement on both occasions.

Mr. Feng said he expected the proportion of Hongkong orders would change before the exhibition closed on January 9, "because many British and European businessmen are still on their way to Canton."

But businessmen from China and other British firms in Hongkong continue to arrive in Canton almost daily.

So far more than 1,300 foreign traders have attended the exhibition, and placed orders for commodities in about 1,000 categories.

These include traditional export items like silk, tea, wood oil, resin, egg products, vegetables and cotton piece goods and "specialty lines" like radio receiving sets, film projectors, bicycles, cement, sewing machines and industrial machinery.

### WE NEED MUCH

On Sino-British trade, Mr. Feng said the embargo was still a big obstacle but "because of the Western move to lift this restriction in the last two years, the situation has got better."

"We now have many commodities to exchange between our country and yours."

"We have a long and traditional business relationship with Britain. We are now starting to reconstruct our country and we need many things. On the other hand our own export commodities are improving in quality and increasing not only in variety but in amount."

"We need much for our own development, but it is also possible for us to give supplies in huge quantities. Generally the amount available for export is determined by the development in our own country."

Mr. Feng said China was not producing farm tractors yet but factories were now being constructed.

[But China is making combine harvesters—we saw one at the exhibition.]

### NOT ENOUGH CARS

"We are manufacturing some cars but not enough to meet domestic demands so we have to import them," he said.

Mr. Feng concluded his interview by saying: "We are just

beginning to reconstruct our country and there must be many imperfections. But any criticism you might make will be most welcome."

I could get no estimate of how much of the foreign business transacted would pass through Hongkong on its way to Southeast Asia, Canada, South America, Africa, India, the Middle East and Western Europe. All Mr. Feng would say was: "Some will go via Hongkong. Some will go direct from China."

Canton is crowded for the Exhibition. Businessmen from all over China are there including delegations from far-off Sinkiang and Tibet. All have had their train fares and accommodation (Contd. on Page 5, Col. 7)

## Adlai: Never Again

Washington, Dec. 4. Adlai Stevenson announced today through the Democratic Party's National Committee in Washington that he would never again run for the Presidency of the United States.

He said he intended to resume his private law practice in Chicago on January 1. However, he added, he would continue to maintain interest in the Democratic Party and would be happy to "serve" if it should be helpful. —France-Press.

## Queen Gives Jobs To Hungarians

London, Dec. 4. The Queen gave jobs at Buckingham Palace to two young refugees from Hungary today in a gesture of welcome to the thousands of Hungarians finding sanctuary in Britain.

Two 18-year-old youths from Budapest, a restaurant waiter and an apprentice hairdresser, were added to the palace staff on personal instructions of the Queen, a palace spokesman announced. Neither speaks English. —United Press.

## Nehru Blames Britain

New Delhi, Dec. 4. The Indian Premier, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru charged today that Britain and France were to blame for much of the trouble in revolt-wreacked Hungary.

He told India's Senate he believed Soviet intervention in Hungary was due at least in part to Russia's alarm over the Anglo-French attack on Egypt. —United Press.

## Britain's Request To Waive Loan Interest

Ottawa, Dec. 4. The Canadian Trade Minister, Mr. O. D. Howes, indicated today the Cabinet had agreed to meet Britain's request for waiving of \$23,200,000 in interest due on a post-war loan.

A Washington cable quoted State Department officials as saying that the language of the loan agreement was so complicated that the State and Treasury Departments were not yet sure that it gave them authority

to meet the British request to waive the December 31 interest payment on its \$3,750 million loan.

Congress would therefore be asked to clarify the position with the objective of enabling Britain to make payment of interest this year.

The Administration will also suggest to Congress that the language of the agreement be revised so as to give it clear authority to act in future years. It is not known whether the British request will be granted.



The Exhibition of Chinese Export Commodities is being held in Canton's Sino-Soviet Friendship building (above).

## 2,000 BRITISH TROOPS TO LEAVE EGYPT TODAY

Port Said, Dec. 4. British Army headquarters announced tonight that about 2,000 troops will embark tomorrow on the troopship Dilwara as the first step in the withdrawal from Egypt.

Cargo vessels and LSTs were loading material on the docks as the first units alerted to depart, began preparing their packs and military vehicles sped back and forth from the quays to logistics bases.

News of the re-embarkation of the troops had caused consternation among the foreign communities. The Italian Consulate said that 800 of the 5,500 Italians here had already registered for departure and the list was increasing hourly. A similar situation reigned among the Greeks.

### PRIESTS STAYING

The French Consulate is overwhelmed with requests to leave aboard French vessels. The French Lycée and Alliance Française are packing up and priests have been advised to leave.

The only people reported to be staying are the sisters and priests attached to the religious institutions or Egyptian hospitals, and the Catholic Bishop of Port Said.

In the city, the situation is extremely tense as a result of requisitioning orders issued against seven shops by the British military authorities.

## 'KILLED CHILD WHO TROD ON HIS TOES'

London, Dec. 4. A Stratford magistrate today indicted Lawrence Sydney Schuman, 27, a worker, charged with having beaten a 10-year-old child to death because the child stepped on his toes.

The police said the child stepped on Schuman's toes during a game of hide-and-seek at a charity party in London.

Two hours later, Schuman caught the child, carried him to a deserted spot, bent him to death and then lay his body in a garden, the charge said.

Schuman told the magistrate: "I don't know what got into me, because I love children." He pleaded not guilty. —France-Press.

## Ship Sinks

Singapore, Dec. 4. Singapore agents for Pail Lines, an Indonesian Government-owned shipping company, said today their ship, the 500-ton Labudjau, had sunk off Natuna Island, near the west coast of Borneo, with a cargo of 520 tons of rubber for Singapore.

Six of the 28 crew members, including the captain, have been picked up, the agents said. —Reuter.

## UN Chief May Visit Budapest This Month

United Nations, Dec. 4. The Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, told Hungary tonight he wanted to visit Budapest on a fact-finding tour for the United Nations from December 19 to 18.

This was disclosed by Mr. Imre Horvath, Foreign Minister of the puppet Hungarian regime, after a 20-minute conference with Mr. Hammarskjöld.

Mr. Horvath said he had sent Mr. Hammarskjöld's request to the Budapest authorities and hoped to have a reply soon.

Mr. Hammarskjöld said the date was suggested by Mr. Hammarskjöld. He said he sent the suggested date to Budapest immediately by Telex (direct wire teleprinter) but he had been experiencing some delay in getting messages through by that method.

He did not telephone Budapest, he said.

Session Adjourned The conference followed an afternoon session by Mr. Horvath that Hungary was ready to discuss immediately with Mr. Hammarskjöld a date and arrangements for a visit to Budapest by the Secretary-General.

Earlier, Mr. Horvath had announced that he was ready to meet at any time with the Secretary-General to discuss settlement of a date and arrangements for a visit to Budapest.

The United States immediately was an enthusiastic backer of the General Assembly's decision to permit Mr. Hammarskjöld to visit Hungary.

## Petrol Rationing In Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 5. A bill setting up the machinery for petrol rationing in Singapore is to be introduced in the legislative assembly today, it was announced today. —Reuter.

## The time-honoured drink from Scotland

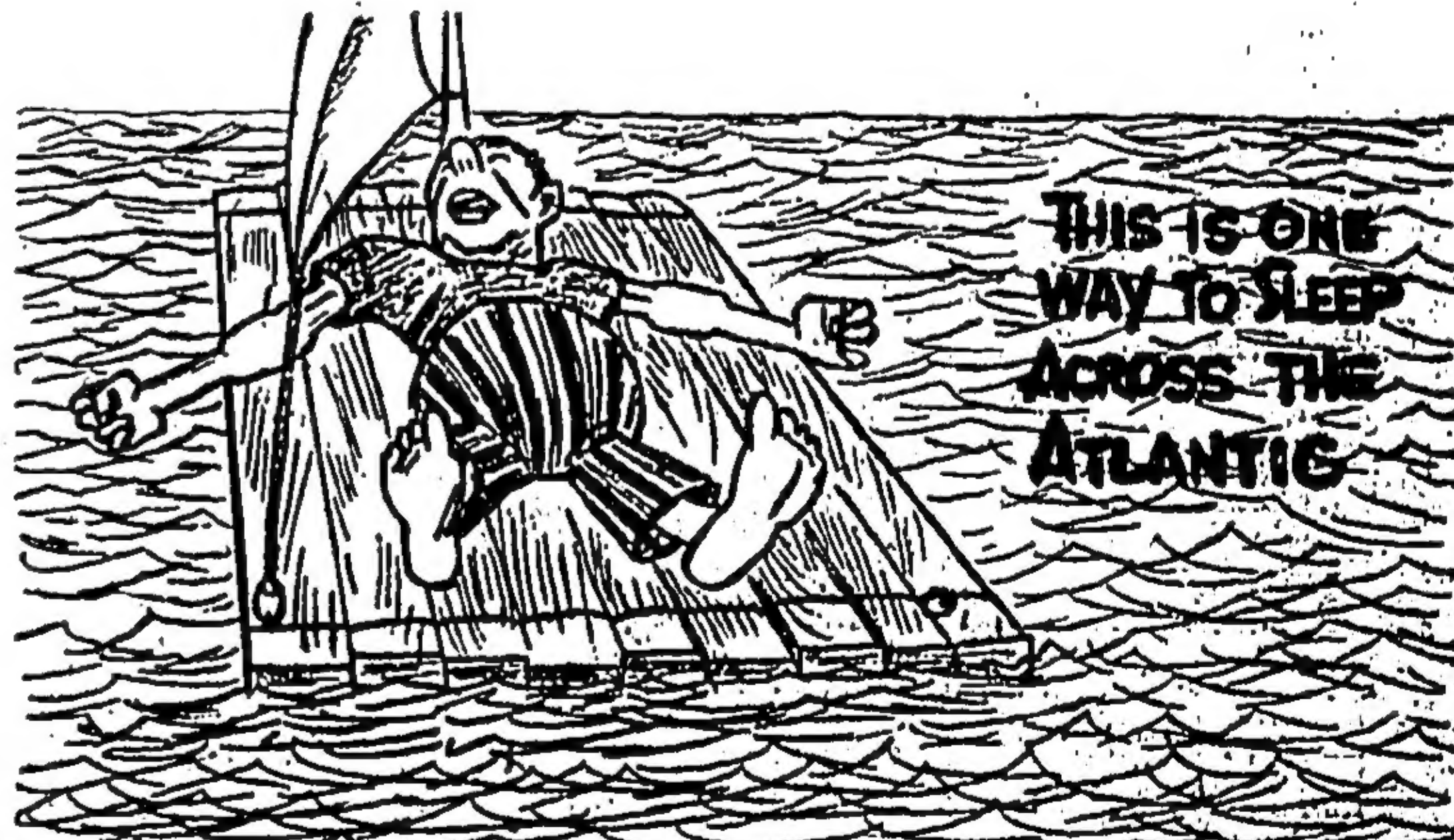
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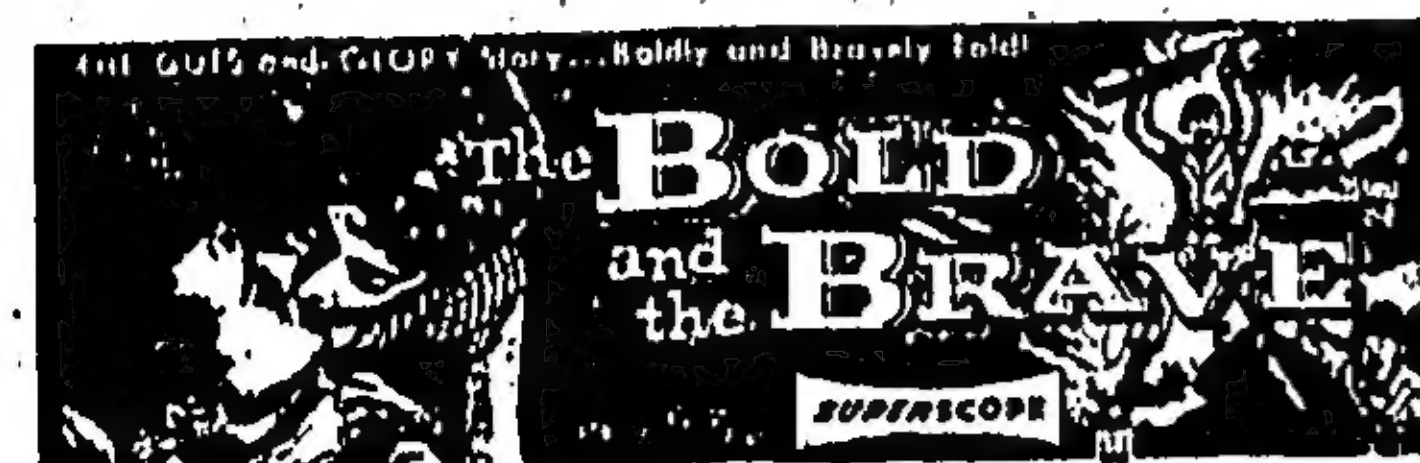
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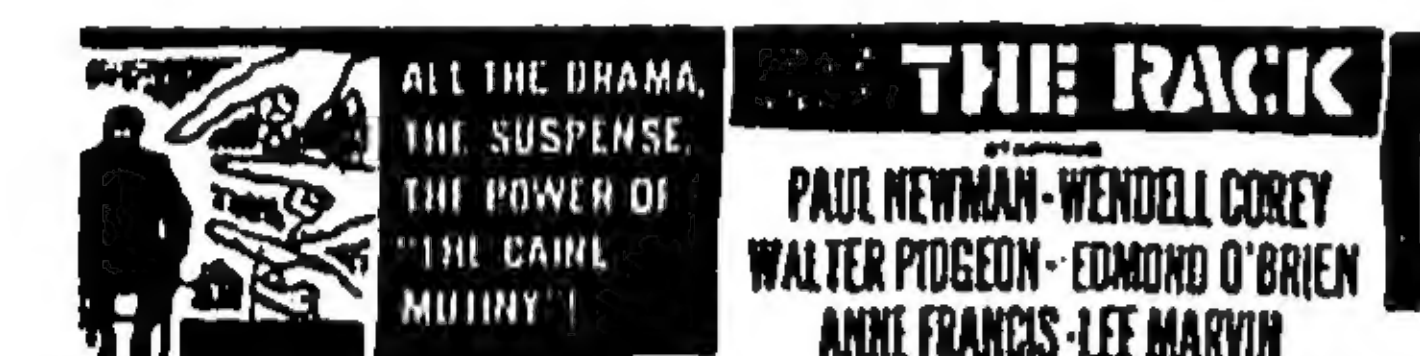
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# Turkish Minister In U.K.



Turkey's acting Foreign Minister, Edhem Menderes, is pictured right with Turkey's Ambassador to London, Sued Harri Urrutia, who was on hand to greet him when he arrived at London Airport recently. Mr. Menderes came to London for urgent consultations with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd at the request of the Turkish Government, alarmed by the Soviet arms build-up in Syria.—Express Photo.

# Attention Called To Bagdad Pact Warning

Washington, Dec. 4.  
The State Department said today the United States has called attention of "interested governments" to the latest American warning against attacks on Middle East Bagdad Pact nations.

But press officer Lincoln White was unable to say whether Russia or Egypt were among the "interested governments."

The United States last Thursday issued a statement warning that it would view any threat or attack on Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq or Iran—all members of the Bagdad Pact—"with the utmost gravity."

Reports from Syria said yesterday that the United States has told Syria it will tolerate no further aggression in the Middle East. They said the information was passed on by Ambassador James Moose in a 90-minute interview with Syrian Premier Sabri Assali.

Feuding Verbally  
White said he was unable to give details about what Moose said during the interview.

But when asked whether the US had called attention of interested governments to the recent statement, he said "I am sure that has happened." Syria undoubtedly was included because the warning was aimed directly at Syria which had been feuding verbally with Iraq. White denied reports that the United States has sent Syria a note or that Moose laid down any new US policy.

# NO WAR PLEDGE TO PAKISTAN STILL HOLDS GOOD

New Delhi, Dec. 4.  
Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru said today that India's offer to sign a "no war" pledge with Pakistan "is still good."

The Premier, speaking before the Upper House of Parliament, said he had offered to sign such a pledge five years ago but that Pakistan had not yet accepted it.

He said that India had, nevertheless, "unilaterally" accepted the pledge.

Commenting on a speech made on Sunday by Pakistan Premier Husein Suhrawardy criticising Indian policy, Premier Nehru said: "I fear it is a prelude to some sort of trouble. Normally such things are timed that way."

Premier Nehru said: "All these

banding declarations will go by the board if Suhrawardy is going to pursue the policies recently enunciated by him."

Premier Nehru said that the United States had, however, given assurances to the contrary.—France-Press.

# HUNGARY STILL STALLING OVER U.N. OBSERVERS

## Alleged Brutalities In China

Saigon, Dec. 4.  
South Vietnam has embarked on a campaign of charges that China was perpetrating the same brutalities in North Vietnam of which Russia is guilty in Hungary.

In recent weeks the South Vietnam Government has staged mammoth demonstrations against Russia, while at the same time making new friendship approaches to neutral India, Burma and Indonesia.

In the newly organized Legislative Assembly today legislator Nguyen Phung charged China was planning to deport leaders of a recent anti-Communist uprising in North Vietnam to Manchuria.

The Assembly passed a resolution denouncing "Red China's interference in the internal affairs of Vietnam" and requesting parliaments throughout the world to take measures asking their governments to intervene urgently with the United Nations.—United Press.

## Dismissed Employees Asked To Testify

Paris, Dec. 4.  
Seven American dismissed from the staff of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, after refusal to comply with United States "security" interrogation, have received individual invitations to testify in Washington before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee on December 13, it was learned here today.

The seven were asked to return to the United States to testify on security measures with regard to American nationals employed by UNESCO and other UN international organizations.

It was not yet known what decision would be given by the seven Americans. They have maintained that as international civil servants, they were not accountable to national governments "loyalty" or "security" policies.

## HAGUE DECISION

The International Court of Justice at The Hague recently rendered a decision in favour of upholding a verdict of the administrative tribunal of the ILO in Geneva that they were to be re-instated or paid an indemnity for dismissal.

The UNESCO general conference is now meeting in New Delhi, and may act on the case.—France-Press.

## ALLEGED SPIES ARRESTED

Prague, Dec. 4.  
A British spy network was recently discovered by Czech state security officials, Rudolf Barak, Interior Minister, disclosed today in an article published in the Communist periodical the Life of the Party.

The Minister said the spy ring was directed by a Dr. Potocka, Director of an insurance company in Prague.

The arrest of the group of "dangerous spies," who were active in the country, was a good lesson for the people, who for their carelessness and thoughtless gossiping, have become a precious source of information for Dr. Potocka's ring.

The Minister added that "international reaction has exerted an enormous effort during the past few days to sow trouble in Czechoslovakia."—France-Press.

New York, Dec. 4.  
Greece praised the United States today for upholding the principles of the United Nations Charter—even against the interests of her allies.

Mr. Gregorio Cassinatis, Greek Minister without portfolio, said the US action on Suez was "of paramount importance for the small countries."

Spending in the resumed debate on Hungary in the Central Assembly, he added: "We should feel optimistic for the future. Greece will, however, form a definite opinion when the Cyprus question is discussed."

Greece's dispute with Britain and Turkey over self-determination for the Cypriots will come before the 70-member world forum later in the session.

Mr. Cassinatis was speaking today in the second day of renewed debate on Hungary. The Assembly had before it a 14-power resolution giving the Kadar Government until Friday to agree to long-standing UN demands to admit observers.

## Drastic Action

A spokesman of the United States, leading the sponsors, had made it clear that failing this agreement, the Assembly would be called to take "drastic action." Observers said this might include expulsion of the Hungarian delegation and sanctions against the Soviet Union, which, thus far, has refused to withdraw its troops from Hungary as the Assembly ordered.

Prime Minister W. W. Whitaker of Thailand, Assembly President, said at the start today that he planned to take the debate to the young stage even if it meant meeting tonight.

Mr. Cassinatis said Greece would vote for the resolution, "regardless of her alliance and her friendships, because she knows that the liberty of the person and the dignity of the individual are above everything."

He said Greece believed that the Charter should include a provision for dispatching observers to any foreign country if a dangerous situation arose there.

After referring to the United States role in the Middle East dispute, he said: "Soviet Russia should follow this example and become another important pillar in our organization."

Begum Ikrumullah of Pakistan pleaded with the Soviet and Hungarian governments to allow UN observers to enter Hungary, to travel freely and report their findings to Mr. Hammarskjold.

## Satisfy Conscience

"This is necessary to satisfy the conscience of the free world, which is deeply disturbed by the reports of happenings in Hungary," he said.

Mr. Fadhi Jamali of Iraq said the United Nations should not tolerate those who defied its resolutions. The Assembly was entitled to know whether reports of deportations were true and what had happened to the Hungarian Government which had appealed to the UN to recognize its neutrality.

He said Iraq would support the 14-power resolution.

Mr. Hsin Engen of Norway said his country, which had co-sponsored the resolution, felt it was an important step. It went further than previous ones in that it asked Mr. Hammarskjold to send observers immediately to Hungary or to "other countries" nearby.

Mr. Mladen Ivkovic of Yugoslavia said he believed the situation had to a large extent improved in Hungary but his delegation considered that not

## Cyprus Action Held Up

London, Dec. 4.  
Military operations have been delayed by several months the programme for combating terrorism in Cyprus. Field-Marshal Sir John Harding said tonight in a BBC broadcast in interview.

Sir John Harding, Governor of Cyprus, said that security forces were now increasing their pressure on the terrorists, and hoped that at the beginning of next year, security operations would be stepped up to their level of before the intervention in Egypt.—France-Press.

## Algerian Rebel Executed

Algiers, Dec. 4.  
The French police today carried out widespread control operations in various towns of the Algiers and Constantine regions.

A rebel terrorist, Boumelik Abdelkader, sentenced to death on March 25 by the Oran Permanent Military Court, was executed at dawn this morning in Oran prison.

Two French policemen were shot dead this morning by rebels in Kouba, a suburb of Algiers. A unit of uniformed rebels also attacked a bus near Damiate.

After forcing the passengers to get out, the rebels set fire to the bus which ran regularly between Saida and Rovigo.—France-Press.

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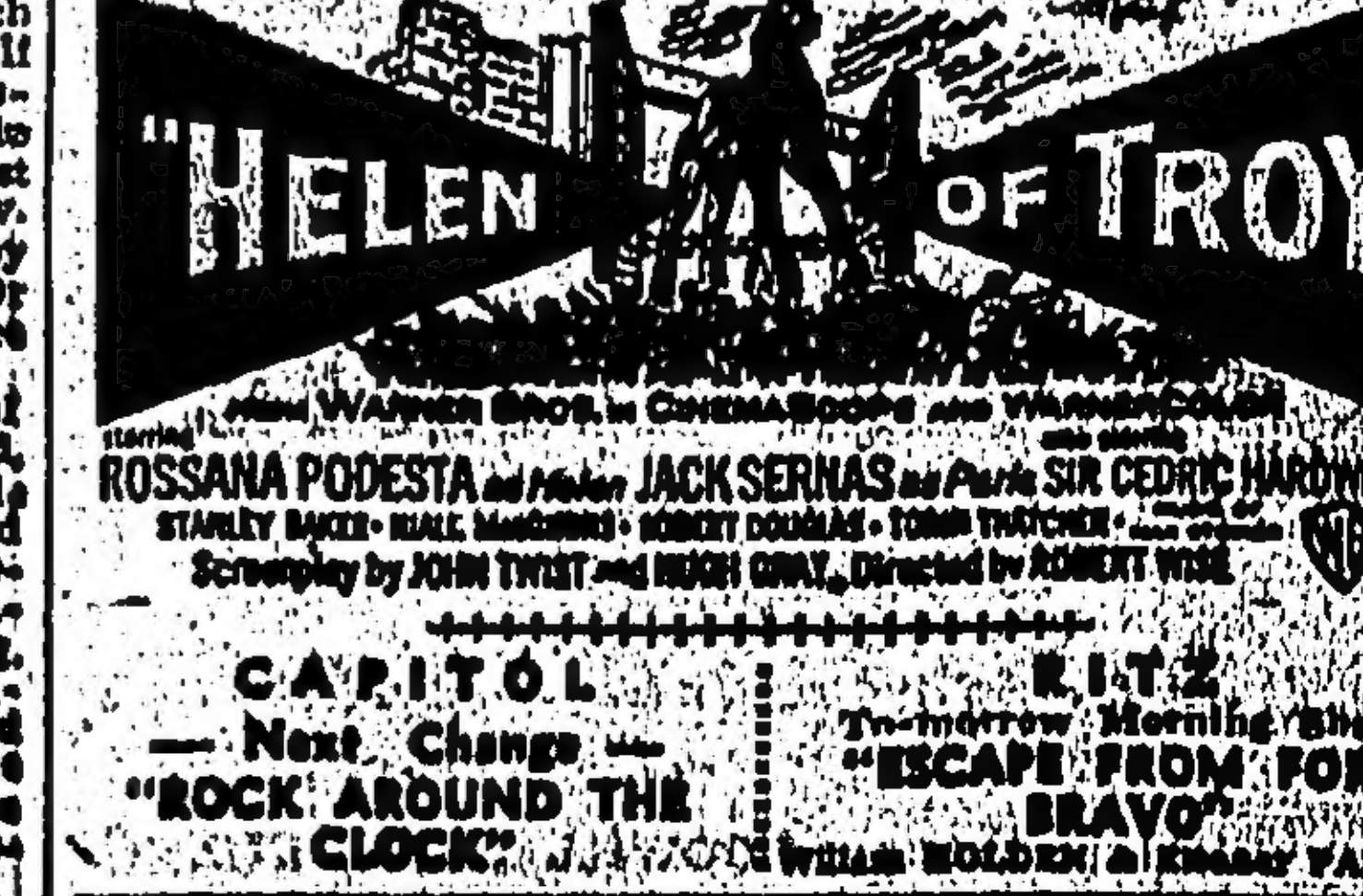
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# NATHANIEL CUBBINS

WRITING about fish as pets, a correspondent says they are becoming increasingly popular. According to him, there is nothing more soothing for those worried by current events than to come home and watch fish playing about in a tank.

It certainly must be more restful (and economical) for tired business men who have been frightened all day by falling Stock Exchange prices to watch fish playing about in a tank than to watch a glamorous girl playing about in a restaurant eating her head off.

For one thing, tropical fish are just as colorful as any glamour girl. And even if they are trying to say something silly, they open and shut their mouths you can't hear a word of it.

For another thing, all a fish asks (and it does ask with its wide-open, anxious eyes) is a little fresh water and a handful of ants' eggs. Any tired business man will tell you that to offer this diet to a glamorous girl is fatal to friendship.

Again, fish are completely indifferent to jewels and fur coats whereas glamorous girls think of hardly anything else.

Fish can never be late for an appointment because you've got them where you want them—in a tank. Fish cost hardly anything to keep and are usually eaten by another fish long before you get weary of them. You will get weary of a glamorous girl long before she is eaten by another glamorous girl.

Another great advantage is that there is no need for a man to deceive his wife about a fish. There it is at home for anyone to see. The affair is as open as the day.

Sometimes there is little difference in the appearance of fish and glamorous girls. Often they have the same big, ruddy mouths and the Marilyn Monroe wiggle of the tail so much admired by tired business men and those who are not so tired. If the Stock Exchange gets worse you can always make a

meal of your fish. Some of you may have tried this on the glamorous girl, but unlike a fish, she certainly won't let you if you're broke.

## To Noel

FROM the sunny beaches of Jamaica Noel Coward has written a song, "Why Must The Show Go On?"

It asks why elderly performers, consumed with private grief, must keep up the "laugh, clown, laugh" tradition. Among the lines are "And if you're old, cold, too old, and most of your teeth are gone, why must the show go on?"

Why must the show go on tonight? Why must the show go on? It must go on if we need the lolly.

That's why we seem to be so frightfully jolly. Even if all our teeth are gone And we're old and terribly ugly.

We laugh like mad at our lack of wealth. With dentures free on the National Health— That's why the show goes on.

Why must the show go on tonight? Why must the show go on? It must go on if we need the dough.

(You have plenty, you ought to know). Even if people are terribly tired of us.

We remember the days when they all admired us— We may not be giving a wonderful treat, But even the old folk have to eat.

That's why the show goes on.

Why must the show go on tonight? Why must the show go on? It must be terrible, terrible.

To lie on the beach and bask in the sun And laugh he-he and laugh ha-ha.

At an old has-been or a fading star— Though now we are probably going to seed,

Some of us might have been playing the lead. When one of your shows went on.

## Wedding jitters

ALTHOUGH most people know that men are frightened of marriage long before the poor suckers know what it is really like, I never thought I would live to see the day when the pitiful pre-wedding condition would be classified as a disease.

Doctors who can think of a name for anything, call it Engysia.

It is a nervous disorder which exhibits its first symptoms the moment the miserable wretch has promised himself to some practical, level-headed girl who has planned the whole operation with the skill of a field-marshal. These symptoms are anxiety, depression, insomnia, and inability to concentrate.

Recently 50 victims of wedding jitters were examined at Maudsley Hospital, Camberwell. Thirty of them were in such a state that they were treated as in-patients and put to bed at once.

In hospital, away from the predatory eyes of the field-marshal, their health improved. Distant wedding bells no longer rang in their ears. They fooled themselves into the belief that they would escape the marital handcuffs by pleading they were unfit for marriage and the F.M. would be happier with somebody else.

But girls intent on marriage know the answer to that line of talk. On the first visiting day they are sitting at the bedside of the quaking victim. They listen to his halting little speech about being unworthy and come right back at him with "I love you. I will stand by you."

At this point, according to the doctors, the patient becomes worse. The distant wedding bells clang in his tortured ears. He can see the shining faces of the wedding guests and hear their coarse jokes. When the girl has been chased out of the ward, they give the patient sedatives and a long rest.

Some recover to become happy bachelors. A few are cured by marriage. But if this is a common condition of the modern bridegroom-to-be, and if the race is to survive by regular unions, it would be more merciful if the victim was doped and carried hog-tied to the altar.

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# OH, THAT TIGHT-LIPPED LOOK...

By AMANDA MARSHALL

MISS AUDREY HEPBURN, visiting for the premiere of "War and Peace," looks out solemnly at the world from the enormous sad eyes of an orphaned bush-baby—an unsmiling look, the fashionable expression for all our contemporary Great Beauties, from frail little Italian madonnas like Pier Angeli to real cool princesses like Grace Kelly. (If you're Marilyn Monroe, it's all right to smile. The message is different.)

## IN HER HAT

Garbo buries her face in her hat, but no one can remember a smile on the most beautiful face in the world since Natchika. Dietrich registers subtle amusement by an enigmatic narrowing of those smoky eyes.

Vivien Le compromises and smiles with a involving the eyes at all. Suzanne Cloutier, who was included by Baron in his collection of Period Profiles, wears a habitual expression of serene gravity, which is quite an achievement for the wife of one of the world's greatest comics. On Margaret Leighton's poetic face perpetual astonishment, awe, and, finally, enthusiasm, like someone who dropped in for tea and stayed for ever. Berlioz, the ballerina who looks like a white rose, and Joanne Pecheux, the fabulous American model who looks like a puma, smile just about as rarely as roses or pumas.

Sometimes think some models and ex-models, such as Barbara Goalen and Margaret Phillips, have simply lost the knack from sheer lack of practice. It's easy to see where that knowledge has gone. Look at the model girl standing. It is perfectly all right to let

keep breaking in if you are selling milk chocolate or a cut-rate trip to Blackpool, but classic products need a correspondingly remote and haughty approach. If you smile, it is un-ladylike.

I could do with a slight relaxation of this rule by now, though no one need go as far as Sue Abraham, the model with the smile that only the Cheshire Cat could beat.

Maybe smiles sit best on off-beat, non-classic, strongly individual features, like Pamela Browne's, whose smile is mysteriously crooked. Yvonne Arnaud's is actually part of her face, and Lydia Lopokova, the adorable ex-dancer with a little russet tinge of a face, keeps hers in the air like an aura ready to be grabbed at a second's notice.

The three most astonishing smiles in the world belong to women with unconventional beauty. Feynman's which dazzles like high noon, Leslie Caron's, which is heartrending in spite of—or perhaps because of—that slightly overshot line of teeth; and the smile that the French actress Maria Casarès shares with the Sphinx.

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And the one, least affected by age, time, circumstance, crisis or weather is the smile that, like Mrs. Malloway in another context, will never, never desert Mrs. Gerald Leigh.

## PERSONAL COMMENTARY

BY CUMMINGS



The little picture at the White House that so dominates Ike's thinking.

# Watch Syria! Is America making the worst error of all?

BY



SEFTON DELMER

**P**RESIDENT EISENHOWER'S intelligence experts are advising him to dismiss as British-French propaganda reports of alarming new Soviet infiltration into Syria—menacing the pipeline that carry half as much of Europe's oil as is shipped through the Suez Canal.

And the President, alas—no doubt remembering the brilliance of British deception techniques which

tricked Hitler into wrong moves—is accepting this view.

He believes that these alarming reports—although they do not come to him from British or French sources—are British and French plants.

They are part of a plot he suspects to stampede him into the Franco-British camp and cause the United States to lose its new-found friends among the Arabs and the Asians.

To me this complacency of the American Administration over their own position in the Middle East and their distrust of their key Western allies is the most alarming feature of this whole Suez crisis.

## My pledge

If it is allowed to go on it may prove a disastrous turning point in the cold war and catastrophic for the future of the free world.

I am prepared to stake my reputation in predicting that if the Americans persist with their scepticism of the reports reaching them and refuse to take action, they are going to suffer a rude and shattering disillusionment.

Not only in Syria itself but in the rest of the Middle East and the whole Asian world. They are acting precisely in the way that the political warriors of the Kremlin want them to react.

Nor will they have too long to wait for the results of their present policy.

## My evidence

IN my many visits since the war to Syria and to its Arab neighbours in Lebanon, Iraq, and Jordan I have been forcibly impressed by the progress made by the Soviet in Syria since the war as compared with the other Middle Eastern States.

Only since the advent of Nasser to Egypt has Syria been seriously challenged as the most important secret satellite of Moscow in the Middle East.

On my first visit to Syria, when the little French-trained ex-sergeant Shishakly was the country's dictator, the Communist network—though comparatively thin on the ground—was extremely well organised and the most important in the Middle East.

The Syrian Intelligence Service chief himself pointed out to me its main strong points. These were carefully organised cells in villages, strangely enough along the border of anti-Communist Turkey, further cells among the unruly Kurdish tribes, among the nationalist students and army men, and among the workers of Syria's new cotton plantations and textile factories.

## My talk

**B**UT the most significant and most unexpected Soviet base of all—at least to me—was the Christian Greek Orthodox Church of Syria, whose patriarch, the Ven. Bishop of Antioch, naively told me how he had resumed relations with the Orthodox Church in Russia and—Hallelujah!—was once again receiving the traditional financial subsidies from the Church in Moscow.

"I had a most friendly reception in Moscow," he told me, "and the Soviet Government itself authorised the resumption of payments to us in gold."

No doubt this was a step taken by the Kremlin under the advice of their clever Middle East agitator-in-

chief, Ambassador Daniel "Spider" Solod who at that time was ambassador to Syria and the Lebanon.

The anti-Communist dictator Shishakly was overthrown not long after, and with him his anti-Communist Intelligence network and anti-Communist police.

Soviet penetration of Syria went forward rapidly and intensively. But its greatest development came when Nasser seized power in nearby Egypt and started up his successful defiance of the British with American support.

## My lesson

**A**LL along, the task of Arabs from the West, in sowing unrest along our oil routes, has been facilitated not only by UNO's ineffectuality in dealing with Israeli defiance of its orders but above all by the successive American Governments and those politicians who insisted on our surrendering to Nasser's successive demands in the Sudan and in Suez.

Nowhere is this lesson easier to read than in Syria. Here, with each British setback, up went Nasser's prestige and up with it the power and influence of the National Socialist extremists and their Soviet and Communist backers.

The inverse is true too. When Nasser was slapped down by the Americans over the Aswan dam loan this summer, down, down went his stock throughout the Arab world, and especially in Syria.

Anti-Nasserites who had been longing to have a go at him and his Communists, allies came out into the open.

In Syria they forced the Government to cancel an order for an oil refinery which under Communist and Nationalist pressure had been awarded to a Communist Czech State concern. It is significant, I hold, that one of the first results of American pressure on Britain

was the cancellation of the order for the refinery. The refinery was to be built in the Aswan area, and what do you get? The cancellation of the order for the refinery. The refinery was to be built in the Aswan area, and what do you get? The cancellation of the order for the refinery.

and France to evacuate the Canal—thereby enhancing Nasser's apparent prospects of victory—is that the contract for the refinery has been restored to the Iron Curtain. The Czechs are to build it and send their experts—and agitators—into this vital area.

## My advice

**A**mericans argue that if we don't give way to Nasser we shall place on his head a martyr's crown and unite the Arabs behind him. The very opposite is the case.

Many Arabs—including even oil-rich King Saud—would like to see Nasser cut down to size. We only write the Arab world behind him when we place on his head the laurel wreath of a Roman triumph—the general returning to receive the ovation of the fields plucks.

The American idea that they can treat Syria as a back apple in an otherwise friendly and anti-Communist co-Arabian Arab world is equally dangerous.

For these Arab National Socialists of Syria are closely allied with the equally pro-Soviet National Socialists of Jordan, who have just won the elections in that country.

If President Eisenhower continues to neglect the warning coming from Syria he will shortly find himself faced with a Soviet-influenced, Soviet-armed, and Communist-penned Arab Federation including Syria, Jordan, and Egypt and stretching from the borders of Turkey to the borders of Libya.

But for the British and the French troops along the Canal, that formidable link-up would be in existence today.

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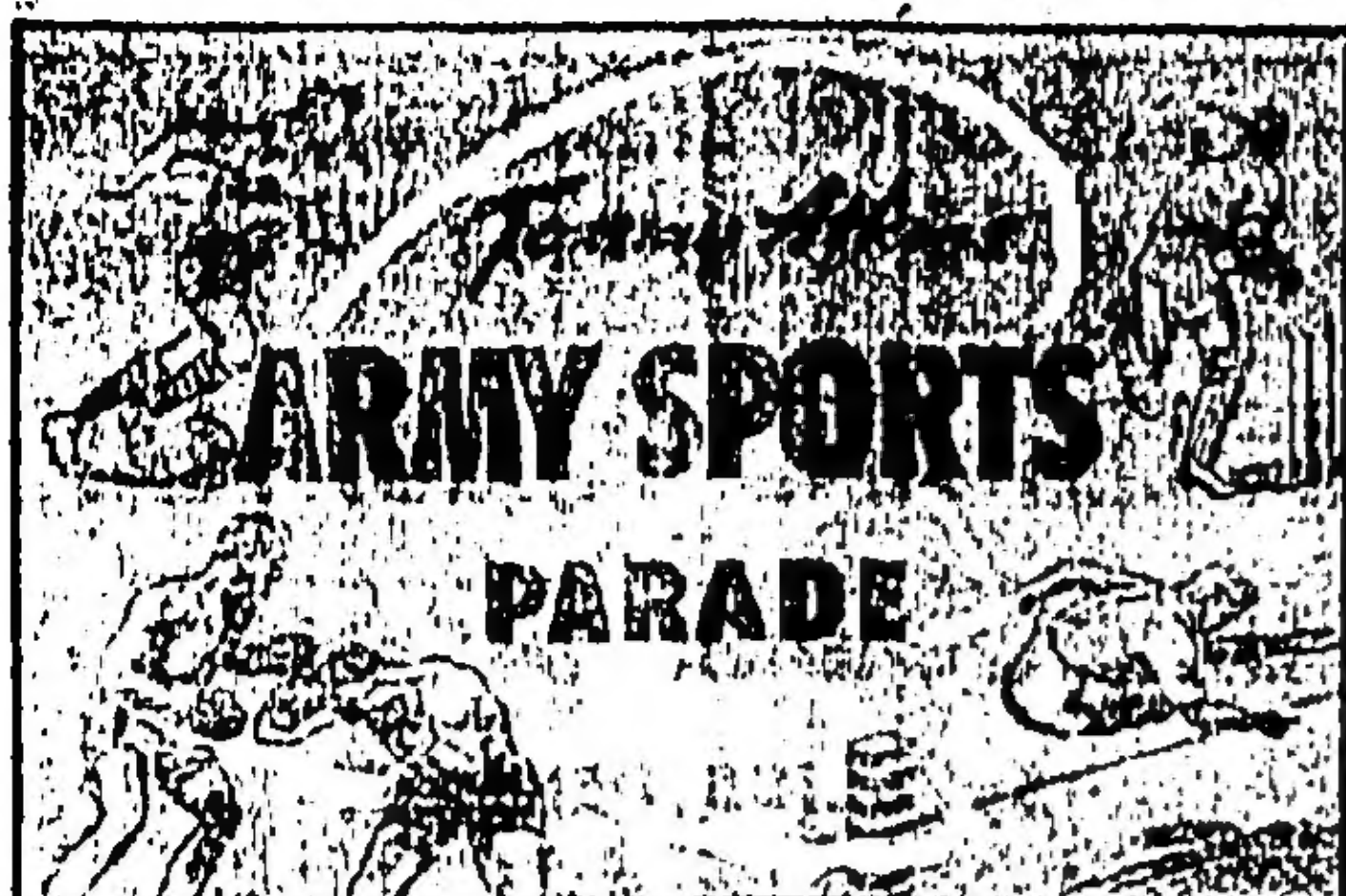
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## SPORTS VIEWPOINT

# WHERE, OH! WHERE ARE THE YOUNG MEN OF ENGLAND?

Asks ERIC NICHOLLS

My heart goes out to England's World Soccer Cup team-builders. My deepest sympathy, too. For these much-criticised, much-scorned gentlemen of the Football Association are in the centre of as pretty a pickle as their severest critics could wish on them. And it isn't of their own making.

They are on the edge of a soccer precipice, with the choice of going over the top or calling it a day and going back to start all over again.

Consider their plight. After third rate performances against Ireland, at national and League levels, the culprits were sacked, and such outdated methods of attack as the double centre-forward plan were abandoned. In place of the two 'batters' planted on the penalty spot for the express purpose of scoring goals, with one forward left to do all the grunting, a highly-skilled and considerably more mobile line (on paper at any rate) was chosen to do battle for England.

The big test was against Wales. But the test became a farce when Wales lost their goalkeeper. For ten men of Wales were a match for England's full eleven.

Enforced change inevitably, England won. The selectors turned a blind eye to the poor performance, and with the exception of an ennobled change to outside-left, the rest of the team was the same as the previous one.

Again England won. Again the selectors may be influenced more by a desire to win than by individual performances.

Frankly, I wouldn't like to see the selectors. As far as the game is concerned, their decisions are small indeed. But they have on their hands an attack that has scored six goals in two matches but which at the same time, is managed to lower itself to the standard of a very ordinary Third Division club attack.

This is, of course, with the exception of 42-year-old Stanley Matthews.

But however much you criticise—and this forward line is a very good example of it—there is one question that remains: What else is there?

There is such a lack of international class players, or youngsters of promise, that the selectors' task is impossible. But isn't it their job to produce a team capable of giving a good account of itself in the World Cup if not winning it?

And despite the bulldoze which terrified the return of the old campaigners, the fact remains that the stars of the current national side are the 'old brigade'.

### GREATEST EVER

Goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn, whose coming this morning to the MCC beat Transvaal to international status within a year must rank among the greatest ever; centre-half Billy Wright, a faultless skipper, and still the finest centre-half in the world; left-half Jimmy Dickinson.

Workshops and 6 COD in the Minor Units League. Although the former won by 6-1 the first half was a 'corner'. Great end-to-end football marked the opening stages but after ten minutes REME went ahead from a penalty for handling by a back. This was followed up minute later by a lovely shot from the right half from fully 30 yards which sailed into the top right hand corner of the net.

COD, undismayed by these reverses, piled on the pressure and whipped in a good goal three minutes later. Two glorious chances to equalise were thrown away and they were unfortunate to still be a goal down at the half way stage.

The promise of a thrilling second half did not materialise and it was difficult to recognise the same COD team. They all seemed to look tired and Workshops were complete masters of the situation. Goals in the 13th, 25th, 28th and 43rd minutes sealed COD's fate.

The REME side have a good forward and half back line but their rear guard are inclined to panic on pressure and the right back must not indulge in quite so robust tackling if he wishes to avoid the referee pointing to that little round spot twelve yards from goal.

Version: A hard, clean game. It is a pity Ordinances creased.

The EKAFA Open Meeting scheduled for December 10 has been postponed to the following Sunday, December 17, at the SCAA Stadium, Caroline Hill. This will give Athletic Officers an extra week to sort out some more entries, which will now close at noon on Saturday, December 16. It is being hoped that this meeting will give all competitors a fine opportunity for Christmas dinner.

The Sports Parade spot of honour this week features Capt Bill Withall, RE, Lieut. David Wrinch, RA, and RSM John Martin, RASC, those stalwarts of the very successful Army South cricket team who will, unfortunately, be leaving the Colony this week.

Bill Withall's loss will probably hit the side hardest, for not only is he the team's very capable skipper but their most reliable all-rounder. With due modesty he feels that the reserves available will adequately fill the gaps and while we hope to be in right the departure of the three must make Army South's future opponents a little more optimistic of success against them.

Good luck, Bill, may the summer at home be dry and your cricket bright. To David Wrinch best wishes for continued success, and to John Martin, not only cricket, but water polo, hockey, and tennis enthusiasts will miss you. Thank you all for your contribution to Colony and Army sport.

It was hoped that a final success over their nearest rivals would speed these players on their long journey but after an exciting game the HKCC 'Optimists' with five minutes to spare won Saturday's game by four wickets.

Army South started off well in the 47 by Bill Withall and 31 from Tidy, plus a useful contribution of 20 by Howard Brown and 20 by Bill Withall. With 21 brought the total to a respectable 163.

The visitors were high when the first two 'Optimists' were out with only six runs on the board. However, they were out of the game and the Army bowlers were able to get back on the attack. The first of the Army bowlers, before being out, was a lovely ball from Arthur.

Army North found it difficult to get on Saturday, but they were able to get a few runs in before being out by a lovely ball from Arthur.

Shipping, mostly into the Colony, a most modest man in the shape of Capt. Grace, RE, a quietly annexed the Amateur Association's Golden Key.

This awardman first fell for a wicket on his school, Winton, and he has remained the Army and Scotland. He will be a great asset to the newly-formed Army Football Club, which is going to play at the end of the year, and has to give a launch on the island. Any interested (Beginners really are welcome) should get in touch with the DOP, HQLE.

Boxing enthusiasts are reminded that the next tournament sponsored by the HKABA is to be put on at Southern Playground on December 16, commencing at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from the China First Club, the YMCA Kowloon, or from Capt. Gillette, RA (Tel. Stanley Exchange 60).

The provisional card, subject always to weight, fitness, etc.

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The game flowed from end to end with each goal having narrow escapes until the 10th minute an Army back misjudged the roll of the ball and the Macao centre-forward was on it in a flash and had it in the net.

This lead was shortlived. The Army in combined movement presented the inside-left with the ball in the circle and he did the rest. A few seconds later the Army outside-right, just inside the Macao circle, gave the ball a half-hearted push goalwards and to everyone's surprise the keeper allowed it to enter the net, presumably thinking it had been hit outside the 'D'.

From the bully-off Macao pressed and scored from a shot that I felt Linton should have stopped and thus levelled the score at two-all.

On returning Macao went ahead with another ball goal and the Army, not to be outdone, showed their visitors how to score from short corners, to once more bring the teams on equal terms. The winning goal also came from a short corner late in the game, beautifully stopped and flashed in by Allison, the centre-forward.

Although it is perhaps unfair to select one player from a team that played such excellent hockey, Major Newark, at centre-half, really was outstanding on the attention of the attacking players, and playing a fine attacking game was always at hand when the opposition pressed.

The Hongkong Hockey Association these two teams to oppose the Macao visitors on Sunday and it was gratifying to find that the 22 players who were selected for the match were all from the Army. The Army players were Major

Very little space is left this week for soccer news, but quite honestly the many games I have seen, with the exception of one, have hardly been worth reporting.

The exception was tucked away on the Transvaal Camp ground, and featured Command



Cpl. J. Cuthbert (Royal Signals) catches his London opponent T. Warren, of Stepney and St. Georges ABC, with a sizzling overarm right to the jaw in the featherweight bout of the Army versus London Amateur Boxing Association match on November 27. Cuthbert won on points.

## Remarkable Ending In Army Versus London Boxing Match

By ARCHIE QUICK

A referee's strange decision provided a remarkable ending to one of the bouts in the annual Army versus London amateur boxing match at the Seymour Hall, London, on November 27 and it was fortuitously sufficient to give the Army victory by seven bouts to six.

Johnny Thurgood (Stepney and St. George's Club) who, incidentally, was the last boxer to defeat the brilliant Nicky Gargano—in this match two years ago—met L. Cpl. Billy Wadhwa (Middlesex Regt.) and midway through the first round he covered up on the ropes.

Thurgood, quite unhurt, was taking a rain of blows, mostly on his elbows, and certainly had not taken one old punch. To general astonishment the referee stopped the fight and awarded it to Wadhwa. And the crowd booed this action.

London were weakened by the absence in the Melbourne Olympic Games of Terry Spinks, Ron Redrup and Nick Gargano. On the other hand the Army had the services for the first time of Pte. D. Stone, REME, more recently called David Stone, ABA, light welterweight champion of the Battersea Club. This Twickenham garage hand won every round quite easily against a plucky George Lucas, of the Hanwell Club. Lucas had nothing to match the skill and experience of the four Stone who many think should also have gone to Melbourne.

The way he cut out centres at Villin Park and saved Chelsea a point all on his own caused the home manager, Eric Houghton, to describe him as a third back, the certainly insides heaps of confidence in the men in front of him.

His being discarded by England's selectors can only be temporary for here is a genius in the Frank Swift mould. Maybe he is inclined to be a little too theatrical, diametrically over-acrobatic, but the game of Soccer is a game of personalities, and here is one to pull back the missing thousands on the terrace. He may well be an English permanent in the near future.

AMATEUR SIGNINGS. His transfer from the comparative obscurity of Highfield Road, Coventry, to the wide open spaces and greater opportunity of First Division Stamford Bridge completes a cycle of Third Division and amateur signings by Manager Ted Drake. He has gathered into his fold Stan Williams and Johnny McIncholl from Brighton, Stan Wicks and Bill Livingston from Reading, Frank Blumstone (Crews), Eric Stubbs (Southend), Peter Sillit (Southampton), Brian Nicholas (Q.P.R.), Ken Armstrong (Bradford), Derek Saunders (Walsingham), Reg Matthews (Coventry) and three London 16-year-old amateurs, Peter Bradbrook, Ron Tidd and Tony Nicholas, and now they constitute Chelsea's senior eleven and first line reserves. The potential is terrific, even if inexperienced is a momentary handicap with leads them into faulty positioning and badly timed distribution.

Manager Drake was mentioning this proud fact at Villa Park—where he once scored seven goals in a League match 21 years ago, by the way—and Manager Houghton countered by saying that under a coaching scheme started three years ago he now has three complete teams other than his first and second elevens, any of whom would not be frightened to put more than fifty per cent of them into his League side.

One club not unduly concerned over the current state of affairs is Chelsea, principally because they are sure they have

Most unfortunate boxer of the evening was Pte. Arthur Day, REME, who sustained a cut eye from the very first blow of his featherweight contest with Freddy Woodman, of Earlsfield. The referee promptly stopped the fight.

Granted that November 23 was a wet, cold, dreary and foggy November day, but even so it was startling to find that exactly half of the First and Second Division matches were played before crowds of less than 20,000, and that only five of them exceeded the 30,000 mark. Moreover, only nine of the 24 Third Division games attracted attendances better than 10,000, with a 2,700 rock bottom at Gateshead versus Southampton.

The downward plunge has obviously not been arrested. Television and radio are powerful rivals.

Flash Eborde of the Philippines is ranked fifth in the Featherweight division. Miguel Berrios of Puerto Rico, who punished him severely in New York last month, is second.

Leo Espinoza of the Philippines is ranked second among Bantamweight contenders. The NBA continues to recognise Balon Macias of Mexico as Champion and name Medo d'Agata of Italy, the generally recognised champion, as leading contender.

A third boxer from the Philippines, Danny Kid, is rated ninth among challengers for the world Flyweight title. Hiroshi Misaoka of Japan is fourth.—Reuter.

## USSR Admitted To International Hockey Federation

Melbourne, Dec. 4. Four nations were yesterday admitted to the International Hockey Federation at its biennial Congress here. They are the Soviet Union, Communist China, Cuba and Indonesia.

Western Germany, a provisional member since 1952, was raised to full membership. The Congress re-elected S.H. Saville (Britain) and M. Forgesot (France) as Vice-Presidents of its boards.

The next Congress will be held in Amsterdam in 1958 in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the Dutch Hockey Federation.

The President of the International Hockey Federation, Mr. Quarles van Ufford, today rejected the complaint made by some members of the British, Paldstian and Indian hockey teams that the hockey field on which they were to play their Olympic games was too slippery for play.

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## WELSH BOXERS BEAT BELGIANS

Cardiff, Dec. 4. Wales beat Belgium by five bouts to three in an amateur boxing international here last night.—Reuter.

## THE GAMBOLS



## by Barry Appleby



## GOLDEN CHURN













## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

GERMAN PLAN  
TO REPAY  
DEBT TO UK

Bonn, Dec. 4.  
The West German Cabinet is to consider a plan that West Germany should pay back the next four years' instalments on her debt to Britain in a lump sum during the next few weeks, it was learned here.

The Bank Deutscher Laender has offered the Government credits to enable it to pay back at once four of the annual instalments of £7,500,000 due between 1957 and 1960.

Debt to be repaid are those settled under London Debt Agreement of 1952. The plan is being here as a way to help reduce West Germany's surplus of foreign currencies—China Mail Special.

Invitation  
To Oil  
Companies

Paris, Dec. 4.  
Three major European oil companies—British Petroleum, Royal Dutch and Compagnie Francaise des Petroles—have been invited to join the Petroleum Industry Enterprise Group (PIEG) set up by the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation to advise its oil committee.

Announcing this step to set up machinery for allocating oil supplies to member countries, an OPEC spokesman said that the first meeting between OPEC and the OEEC Oil Committee would take place in Thursday, the day after a meeting of the OEEC Oil Committee alone.

American observers are expected to be present at the Thursday meeting.

Contacts between the Oil Committee and the United States Middle East Emergency Committee—grouping 15 American oil companies—are expected to follow in due course—China Mail Special.

LONDON METAL  
PRICES

London, Dec. 4.  
Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	324	325
3-month	324	325
Copper spot	270 1/2	271
3-month	270 1/2	271
Lead 1st half Dec	113 1/2	114 1/2
2nd half Dec	113 1/2	114 1/2
Zinc 1st half Dec	117 1/2	118 1/2
2nd half Dec	117 1/2	118 1/2

—United Press.

New York Cotton  
Futures  
Drift Lower

New York, Dec. 4.  
Cotton futures today drifted irregularly lower in the second session of slow dealings.

New crop deliveries showed relative ease under liquidation and selling by locals. Offerings were encouraged by uncertainties dealing with probable loan rate for the next crop and a possible change in government cotton policy.

After sagging as much as \$1.45 a bale, the market steadied at the close on dry trade covering 2 to 10 points. Opening prices were off 1 to 13 points. New Orleans closed off 6 to 10 points.

The prolonged period of dullness in the textile market, and a more reassuring attitude toward the Middle East, also acted to chill new buying interest.

Spot December showed relative steadiness. No transferable notices appeared today and none have been issued since first notice day—November 28.

Outstanding December contracts at the opening of business totaled 50,100 bales. The cancelled stock remained at 3,019 bales.

	Volume	Open	Interest
Dec.	4,400	30.100	
Mar.	14,200	30.100	
May	14,400	30.100	
Jul.	8,800	30.100	
Sep.	7,200	30.100	
Oct.	8,800	30.100	
Nov.	800	30.100	
Dec.	800	30.100	
Total	81,800	1,215,700	bales

NEW YORK  
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

E. German Government  
Facing Shortages  
SEQUEL TO REVISION  
OF POLAND'S  
FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Bonn, Dec. 4.

The Communist East German Government is facing serious economic difficulties arising from the decision of Poland's new leaders to revise the Polish 5-year plan.

Poland has been East Germany's main supplier of hard coal and coke, essential for steel blast furnaces. But Poland's new government, intent on building up the living standard of the Polish people, is drastically to cut coal exports, according to reports received here from Warsaw.

No exact figures are available, but one informed estimate, made in West Germany, puts hard coal consumption at about 10,000,000 tons, over half of which is imported.

Neues Deutschland, the official newspaper of the Communist Socialist Unity Party, has said that certain shipments of hard coal and coke from Poland have not arrived.

## Increased

This has sharply increased East German demand for soft coal for industry and railways. Normally, East Germany has plentiful soft coal for its own use, and manages to export it in considerable quantities. According to the best available West German estimates, soft coal production is at present about 200,000,000 tons a year, about 80 per cent of which is consumed in East Germany.

It is used not only as a household and industrial fuel, but also provides the main raw material for the East German chemical industry, being used in the production of synthetic oil, dyestuffs, and many other chemicals.

Under the inter-national trade agreement, East Germany has to deliver 4,200,000 tons of soft coal briquettes to West Germany this year. She also exports soft coal to Scandinavia, Switzerland, and other countries. The first effect of the cut in hard coal imports from Poland has been to wipe out East Germany's soft coal reserves, and imperil her soft coal exports.

She has already fallen 500,000 tons behind in her deliveries to West Germany. Under the present agreement, she receives 400,000 tons of Ruhr hard coal in exchange for her soft coal. The 100,000 tons she should have received in the fourth quarter of this year have already been reduced by an unforeseen amount, and exports will not be resumed in full until she makes good the backlog in deliveries. West German experts expect the backlog to increase by the end of the year.

East German leaders are calling for a rapid increase in soft coal production to remedy the fuel shortage. In the view of West German observers, the increase would have to be big to restore exports to their former level and to fill gaps left by the disappearance of Polish coal.

But however much is produced, soft coal cannot fill all the gaps. It cannot be used in blast furnaces, for instance, in one place of hard coal.

According to the latest reports reaching West Germany, the East German Government is making an all-out effort to solve its problem. There have been experiments with a mixture of soft and hard coal in blast furnaces. While no results are known, West German experts are sceptical about the chances of success.

## Attempt To Buy

Herr Richard Gieschütz, the East German Fuel Minister, has visited Czechoslovakia to attempt to buy hard coal there.

According to the anti-Communist Information Bureau West in West Berlin, the Soviet Union has promised to deliver coke to make good the shortage. A new process for making coke from soft coal is being tried at the new industrial settlement of Lauchhammer, using soft coal from the neighbouring Sauerberg deposits. About 60 per cent of East Germany's soft coal comes from Sauerberg.

Meanwhile, the shortage of hard coal and coke is already reported to be affecting iron production. According to reports reaching West Germany, two of the six blast furnaces at Stalinstadt, the main pig-iron production centre, are idle.

## Transport Delays

On the railways, the switch from hard to soft coal means that coal tenders have to be filled about three times as often, leading to transport delays.

Any drop in iron and steel production would quickly be reflected throughout East German industry.

From the East German Government's viewpoint, this is a very sensitive time for labour troubles. The Government has shown increasing signs of nervousness over the situation in Poland and Hungary. Herr Walter Ulbricht, first secretary of the Socialist Unity Party, has warned workers that they must observe strict discipline.

The para-military "factory guards" stationed among reliable party members after the abortive uprising of June 17, 1953, have held repeated "readiness parades."

## Safety Valve

There have so far, however, been no signs of industrial unrest to justify even the precautionary measures taken to far. Since the third Socialist Unity Party congress last March, the party has introduced a safety valve by allowing workers to express their criticism of factory management much more freely than before.

There have been reports of free criticism even of production norms, almost unheard of before the past 12 months. The standard of living in East Germany has also been steadily over the past three years—China Mail Special.

WORLD  
RUBBER  
MARKETS

New York, Dec. 4.  
The No. 1 Raw rubber futures today closed 70 points with sales of two contracts.

	Dec.	36.30
The six contract closed 80 to 100 points lower with sales of 188 contracts.		
Jan.	37.10	
Mar.	37.00	
May	36.90	
July	36.80	
Sept.	36.70	
Nov.	36.60	
Dec.	36.50	

Standard contract closed 70 to 100 points lower with no sales reported.

	Dec.	36.30
Jan.	37.10	
Mar.	37.00	
May	36.90	
July	36.80	
Sept.	36.70	
Nov.	36.60	
Dec.	36.50	

Speculative liquidation and stop loss selling found trade buyers reserved in face of lower London-Singapore cables. Market experts unable to explain Monday's sharp rise, though the upswing was "artificial." Sellers also drew encouragement from the more reassuring aspect of the Middle East situation.

## SINGAPORE

The market opened slightly lower and the decline extended on profit-taking during the day. Most of the offerings were well absorbed at lower levels.

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Dec.	116 1/2-117 1/2
	Jan.	117 1/2-118 1/2
	Feb.	118 1/2-119 1/2
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Dec.	112-113
No. 3 "		109 1/2-110 1/2
No. 4 "		107 1/2-108 1/2
No. 4 rubber unbaled "		116 1/2-117 1/2
blanket crepe .....		92-94
No. 1 pale crepe .....		—



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## RIOTER IN COURT

Found guilty of rioting, Wu Yuk-ting, of 124 Fuk Wah Street, second floor, was remanded seven days by Mr. H. H. B. How at Central Police Station for investigation by the Social Welfare Office. Wu was represented by Mr. J. R. Oliver of Doonan. Sub-Inspector D. F. Hughes appeared for the prosecution. Lau Sing, PC850, said that about 11.30 p.m. on October 10 he was on plainclothes duty at Tai Po Road near Kwai Lung Street where he saw defendant with a crowd of about 20 men throwing stones at the police near the Garden Bakery. He revealed his identity and took defendant to the Shamshuipo Police Station.

## CLERK COMMITS FORGERY

Kwok Ka-mok, 25-year-old clerk of the Vietnam Enterprise Corporation of 304 Des Voeux Road Central, was this morning found guilty of simple larceny, forgery of a cheque and uttering a forged document, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. H. H. B. How at Central Magistracy. In addition, defendant was bound over in \$500 for two years. Mr. Donald Cheung, of F. Zimmern and Company, pleaded guilty to all charges on behalf of the defendant. In mitigation, Mr. Cheung said the defendant was very young. He had been working for the company for seven months at a salary of \$150 per month. "He has a wife and three very young children to support, I hope your Honour will deal with him leniently," Mr. Cheung said. Standing by the Press seat was defendant's wife who told the Magistrate that Kwok was a good husband.

## Turncoats Leave

The two American servicemen who refused repatriation after the Korean War, Arthur Fule and Aaron Winters, this morning left the Colony by Northwest Airlines for the USA. Both men said they were glad to be going home for Christmas. They also said that they had no fixed plans as to what they would do after their return to their farms.

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## HEROIN CHARGES AGAINST 3 WOMEN AND A MAN

Three women and a man, natives of North China, faced trial before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning on an indictment of possession of heroin and conspiracy to deal in heroin.

Accused are Kun, Wal-ching, 37, a woman, unemployed; Wong Ching-chu, 27, housewife; Tung Suk-ching, 33, married woman; and Wong Fu-yun, 45, unemployed. The first three accused are alleged to have in their possession on September 18, 7 lbs 9 oz. of heroin and 6 lbs 10 oz. of heroin. All four accused are charged with conspiring together to deal unlawfully in heroin on divers dates between July 1, 1956 and September 18, 1956. Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector G. M. Olliphant. The three women accused are defended by Mr Brook Bernatchi, instructed by Mr J. M. d'Almeida Remedios. Fourth accused is not represented by Counsel. A jury of seven men has been empanelled. By Mr Bernatchi for the two counts to be tried separately or that the conspiracy count be struck out was refused. The Police eventually forced their way into the ground floor of the premises, which comprised originally a garage and premises, but were furnished as living accommodation.

**PACKAGES FOUND**  
Inside the Police found a cardboard box and a number of packages wrapped in cellophane and these packages contained a substance which eventually turned out to be heroin, Crown Counsel said.

More wrappings were also found, as well as two sets of Chinese scales and other items. The Police left a small contingent to guard the garage and the remaining officers, again led by Inspectors Olliphant and Chu went on to an address in Sai Yue Street.

Inside the premises they found the third accused. A search was carried out but nothing in the way of dangerous drugs was found. The Police then returned to Liberty Avenue.

A chain of keys was found hanging up in the flat. One of the keys fitted the lock to the cabinet and the other to the door of the third bedroom. The cabinet was then unlocked and in the presence of the first and second accused the contents inside were examined by the Police.

"Inside this cabinet a great number of articles were found and the evidence was that certain of these articles contained heroin and this quantity found inside is the heroin with which we are concerned in the first count," said Mr Mayne. A short time afterwards the third accused arrived at the address in Liberty Avenue and when admitted by the Police said she came to look for her sister for the purpose of "alleged" sister was not on the premises, the Prosecutor said.

**SEEKING FRIEND**  
The fourth accused, called at the premises some time after that and said he was looking for a friend, named Chung. No person by that name lived at the premises.

Mr Mayne said that the third accused was searched and inside her handbag was found a chain with four keys, one of which fitted the lock to the cabinet. Third and fourth accused were then taken to the garage in Argyle Street and on the way third defendant was alleged to have asked Inspector Chu "to help me."

Further searches of the garage revealed more heroin hidden on the premises. The Police also found a cellophane with the letter "A" and an embossing press for embossing the letter "A" on objects.

Fingerprints of the second and fourth accused were found on a number of articles in Liberty Avenue. The fingerprints of the first and fourth accused were also found on other articles in Argyle Street. Hearing is continuing.

## PEDESTRIANS INJURED

Leung Tak, 32, of 425 Lockhart Road, ground floor, received injuries when he was knocked down by a private car in King's Road, near Tong Shui Road at 6 p.m. yesterday. Leung is now detained in Queen Mary Hospital for treatment. In another traffic accident in Leighton Road, near Wongnei-chong Road, a Chinese woman was knocked down and injured by a private car at 9 a.m. yesterday. The woman, Tse Woon-sheung, 45, residing at 33 Yiu Wah Street, first floor, is detained in Queen Mary Hospital for observation.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom gets things mixed up—that cute remark she just said you made is one she read to me out of a magazine!"

## Very Pleasing Concert

A delightful and "intimate" concert took place yesterday evening at St Stephen's Girls' College Hall. This was put on by the Sino-British Music Group's Chamber Music section. It had been originally planned for October, but owing to unfortunate external circumstances & illness had to be twice postponed. However, it was well worth waiting for, though the announced programme had perforce been changed.

The opening work was Beethoven's 8th Sonata for piano and violin. For this found Professor Arrigo Foa and Miss Caroline Braga in very good form. It is a fairly light-hearted sonata and one of the most tuneful, full of cheerful melodies, with a particularly graceful and flowing first part. The middle movement is a Viennese minuet, but is much slower and more lyrical than most minuetts. The last movement is gay and lively, in fact the whole work is unambiguously and without any touch of the depths and melancholies which permeate some of Beethoven's later works. Professor Foa and Miss Braga, after working together for some years, now make a very satisfying combination and the evening performance was of a musically performance from both.

## EFFORTLESS SINGING

The singer was Miss Vera Rutledge-Desai, whose pleasant mezzo-soprano voice is well and effortlessly produced. Her range is not very wide, but within it she hits the notes true and has no tricks or mannerisms. Her diction was on the whole good and the French and Italian words came over clearly.

The choice of songs was rather unvaried—all on the sweet and sad side, and it would be interesting to hear her in gayer or more dramatic songs. Miss Rutledge-Desai was a competent and sympathetic accompanist, and the last song in the group was his own composition, a short and effective lament. The other songs were by the early Italian composer Salvatore Rosa, and the French composers Georges Hue and de Severac.

Professor Harry Ore played a group of piano pieces by Scriabin and Tchaikovsky. The four pieces by Scriabin were amazingly varied, and it was difficult to believe that they were all by the same composer. The earlier works, "Impromptu" and "Valse", were reminiscent of Chopin or Liszt, poetic and tuneful. But the last two were in an entirely modern idiom, recalling Prokofiev or Poulenc.

## NEAT CRISPNESS

Professor Ore performed them with a neat crispness, almost playfulness, which was delightful; he seems to improve all the time, and in no way put out by some skirmishes with well-worked and wayward sheet music which the sudden gust of wind kept blowing about. His last item was a "Dumka" by Tchaikovsky, a lively folk-ballad based on traditional Russian and Slavonic melodies. His interpretation responded to the varied moods of the piece, alternatively grave and excitedly gay. As an encore he gave another work by Tchaikovsky, entitled "Octobor", from his cycle of "The Seasons".

## THIS MORNING'S PRESENTATION OF BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The Hon. Sir Tsun-nin Chau received his Warrant as Knight Bachelor by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham at a ceremony of Presentation of Insignia at Government House this morning.

A number of other local residents were also presented with insignia of honours awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Following are the citations which were read by His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan:

**Sir Tsun-nin Chau, CBE** — young persons. With her practical yet sympathetic approach to human problems, Mrs. Allison has played an active part in the affairs of several voluntary societies concerned with social welfare in the Colony. Mr J. Carter — MBE (Civil): Mr Carter played the principal part in establishing and fostering the development of the Co-operative and Wholesale Vegetables and Fish Marketing Organisation in the Colony, and by his own hard work and intelligent enthusiasm made an invaluable contribution towards the very considerable measure of success gained by the Co-operatives.

**Mr E. Greenwood — MBE (Civil):** In his capacity of Mechanical Inspector in the Public Works Department, a post which he has held since the reorganisation of the Colony, Mr Greenwood has shown outstanding zeal and devotion to duty and given service in a measure far exceeding the scope of his normal work. **Mr O. F. Hamilton — MBE (Civil):** Mr Hamilton has given outstanding service to the air-travelling public in his capacity of Airport Manager at Kai Tak, where he has shown untiring devotion to duty. By personal effort he has done much to foster the development of civil aviation in Hongkong.

**Mrs Lee Hah-long — MBE (Civil):** Mrs Lee Hah-long takes a deep and personal interest in economic and social problems in the Colony, and by her sympathetic attitude and constructive advice has rendered service of the utmost value in the cause of social welfare generally in Hongkong.

**Mr Penn Yuek-wing — MBE (Civil):** Mr Penn has devoted a large part of his leisure time since the war to the promotion of primary education in Hongkong. His keen interest in Church Missionary Society schools takes the practical form of his attending to a lot of detailed work arising out of the construction of new buildings and school administration. Mr Penn's patient application to tasks which, albeit routine, are vital to the good ordering of a school, is beyond praise.

**Mr E. F. Warburton — MBE (Civil):** Mr Warburton's 28 years' service in the Urban Services Department, during which he has been mainly occupied with the care of cemeteries and war graves, has been distinguished by a whole-hearted devotion to duty which has earned for him the respect and affection of his colleagues and the public alike.

**Warrant Officer I. C. A. de J. V. Ribeiro — MBE (Military):** Mr Ribeiro has had almost 40 years' service in the Volunteer Force, during which he has held the rank of Auxiliary Air Force in the capacity of Station Warrant Officer and Senior N.C.O. in charge of Pay Accounts, he has carried out his duties with outstanding conscientiousness and efficiency.

**Warrant Officer I. W. D. Hall, E. E. — MBE (Military):** During his service in Germany in the capacity of Superintendent Draughtsman in the office of the Chief of Royal Engineers, where he was engaged in work connected with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, Mr Hall showed outstanding zeal and enthusiasm in the performance of his duties.

**Sir Tsun-nin Chau** receiving his warrant as a Knight Bachelor from Sir Alexander Grantham this morning.

**Mr H. Kadorie — OBE (Civil):** Mr Kadorie is closely associated with the life of the New Territories and has served the interests of its community in various capacities. With his brother he founded the Kadorie Agricultural Association, designed to serve the needs of the farmers and new settlers in the Territories, and by direct and daily contact with the Association does much to further its good work.

**Mr Shum Yui-yun — OBE (Civil):** Founder in 1925 of the newspaper "Wah Kiu Yat Po" (Overseas Daily News), which has developed into one of the best known and most respected of the Colony's vernacular publications, Mr Shum is a staunch citizen of Hongkong, actively concerned with conserving and enhancing in every way the good name of the Colony.

**Mr J. Sullivan, RMC — OBE (Military):** Colonel Sullivan has given outstanding service while in command of the British Military Hospital in Hongkong. He has taken an unflagging and energetic interest in the needs of the Hospital and has achieved notable improvements.

**SOCIAL WELFARE**  
**Mrs M. Allison — MBE (Civil):** Mrs Allison has given invaluable service to the Labour Department since 1947, both in the general administration of the Department and in matters concerning the conditions of

employment of women and young persons. With her practical yet sympathetic approach to human problems, Mrs. Allison has played an active part in the affairs of several voluntary societies concerned with social welfare in the Colony. Mr J. Carter — MBE (Civil): Mr Carter played the principal part in establishing and fostering the development of the Co-operative and Wholesale Vegetables and Fish Marketing Organisation in the Colony, and by his own hard work and intelligent enthusiasm made an invaluable contribution towards the very considerable measure of success gained by the Co-operatives.

## CIVIL DEFENCE

**Mr S. Rafeek — BEM (Civil):** Mr Rafeek has been connected with the civil defence organisation in Hongkong since its inception in 1939, and was one of the first of former ARP Wardens to join the new Civil Aid Services on their formation. By his enthusiasm, initiative and never-failing readiness to serve he has made a unique and invaluable contribution towards the building up of these Services.

**Sergeant R. W. Kinley, R. A. — BEM (Military):** Sergeant Kinley gave outstanding service as Chief Clerk to 42 Field Regiment, displaying a high sense of responsibility at all times and setting an excellent example to his subordinates.

**Sergeant So Kwok-ohu — Royal Humane Society's Testimonial:** In July 1955 Sergeant So of the St John Ambulance Brigade in Hongkong went to the rescue of a swimmer who got into difficulties at Silvermine Bay, sustained him in the water until the arrival of a boat, and then restored him to consciousness by applying artificial respiration, altogether a fine achievement.

**Recipient of Insular of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem:** Mrs. A. W. Boun-haw (Donat's Badge in Silver); The Hon. M. W. Turner (Officer); Mrs. P. Hogan (Officer); Mr. S. Chen (KCMG); Mr. Chan Oi (Associated Serving Brother); and Mr. Wong Kung-sai (Associate Serving Brother).

## Soldier Steals Telephone

Signalman George Brandon Harmon of the Hongkong Signal Regt. Murray Barracks, was fined \$40 by Mr T. L. Yang at the Kowloon Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a telephone worth \$95.

The prosecution stated that at 8.20 p.m. on November 25, defendant went to a Kowloon Terrace flat to look for his girl friend. When he found she was not at home he was annoyed and took the telephone which was on a table near the door.

The caretaker found that the telephone was missing later in the evening and remembered that defendant was the only person to visit the house that evening. He reported the matter to the Police and with the help of the Military Police, defendant was arrested. He admitted the theft but stated that he had been drinking.

The telephone was found in a wooden box in the back of a lorry outside the barracks. The defendant's superior officer told Mr Yang that Harmon was a good soldier and that as far as he knew he had a good character.

## Journalist Expelled

Rabat, Dec. 4. — French journalists here were highly disturbed today by the implications of a Moroccan Government order expelling one of their colleagues from the country.

The Government yesterday ordered French journalist Jean Claude Lahitte of La Vie Marocaine to leave the country immediately.

He was the first journalist ordered out of the country since Morocco gained her independence. The order merely asked Lahitte out of the country without giving any explanation.